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Franklin Smith Reports From Alaska

In January the newspapers carried a report that Franklin Smith was lost with his plane, "The Northern Light." In a recent news letter Franklin writes that the report was not true, adding: "My flight was confused with that of another pilot who was travelling from here to Anchorage on the same day. He was in serious trouble and finally wrecked his plane after making three forced landings. When the weather looked unfavorable I turned back to the cabin of a friend and waited three days for favorable weather. While waiting I stopped at two places where there was opportunity to preach the Word. I have often stopped at many cabins and villages throughout the area, and can always stay with friends. We deeply appreciate the prayers and interest expressed in many letters received. It brought us to a realization of the many friends and your interest in our welfare here."

He reports four baptisms from a group of 26 intermediate girls that Mrs. Smith is teaching. He is teaching a Sunday evening class of High School young people—a class they have requested, that they might find a scriptural answer to questions that have come to them regarding various religious groups.

Franklin plans a week of special services before Easter, which he hopes will result in a number of decisions for Christ. After Easter he plans to begin the salvaging of lumber from a large building, which he will use in enlarging the church building during the summer and fall. He announces the need of at least $2,000 for that work in addition to what the Christian people there will be able to give. —J. F. C.

200 Men At Parkrose

The Northwest District Ninety and Nine rally was held at Parkrose on March 28 with 200 present for the first such meeting in the new church. The local ladies, assisted by Multnomah ladies, performed a real feat in feeding the throng in record time. Bob Pfeiffer was song leader, accompanied by Gene Teeling (a Boys' Camp graduate). Cecil Bacus led in prayer. Announcements, reports, and roll-call followed with the invitation of Mallory Avenue being accepted for the May father-son rally. Offerings and pledges of over $350 were received, $180 for the car fund.

Ed Dewees gave the report on the state work along with the colored movie of Boys' Camps. Dr. Swart, St. Johns president, provided and operated the projector. Bob Pfeiffer and Lee Garrett sang a duet, after which Henry Moar, Kern Park president, presented George Whipple as guest speaker. Two fine young men responded to the gospel invitation—Wesley Grant to make the Good Confession, and Bruce Clark to become a life-work recruit. Floyd Shaw dismissed the rally with prayer. —E. P. D.

BURNS— 2 baptisms in February. Lloyd Whitford, pastor.

Good Word From India

From our Pendra Road Station in India where, Mr. and Mrs. Menzies labored so many years, comes this word: "The Pendra Road Fair started many years ago, takes place again this year. For eight years it has not been put on but with the whole world thinking of growing more food we felt the need for it. We are trying to make it a teaching work project besides having displays of animals, chickens, grain, etc. We have a booth on the Christian Home, with books, calendars and lovely pictures. There will be someone to speak to the people on the ideals of Christian home life, child-training and parenthood."

The church in India is Crusading. In the Jubblepore church, stewardship was emphasized during the month of November. The pastor gave sermons on giving, and tithers' cards were given to the members. On the 14th a special offering was taken and everyone was urged to give generously, a tenth of a month's income if possible. The offering amounted to approximately $110. This goes toward the Crusade goal. Are we doing as well in Oregon? —E. L. B.

Youth Planning Conference

The attention of all young people of the Christian Churches of Oregon is called to the forthcoming Youth Planning Conference to be held at Twin Rocks, Oregon, on May 13-15. The Friends Camp Ground will be used. This is an excellent location, near the ocean beach.

There will be six classes on the general theme of "Living with the Master." Such people as Rosemary Naff, Elsie Davis, Charlie Addleman, Dale Sherwood, "Pop" Swander, Courtney Swander, and others to serve you. (The complete list of faculty is not in our possession as we write this).

The State Committee is anxious to have the attendance spread over as many churches as possible. Therefore, they are asking each church to select one or two from each age group of the young people. Please select the best material you have. It is advisable that an adult adviser accompany the group from a church; or one adviser can sponsor two churches if those coming are small in number. There will be a class for such adult advisers.

The travel cost will be pooled among those who come so all will pay the same. Food and beds will be provided on the grounds, but you must bring your own bedding.

Some time ago Brother Addleman sent a letter to the churches concerning this and enclosed a card for reply. Did you reply? Will you participate? Let him know at once. You will be receiving more information from him. Begin now to select your young people. —C. F. S.

MARRIED

Cliff Brooks and Mrs. Dorothy Huntley, Oregon City, were married on February 26 in Vancouver, Washington. He is pastor of the Estacada Christian Church. They will reside at Oregon City.

The Hills Back In Korea

Today's mail brought the March issue of "The Korean Messenger." it is full of interesting and challenging information. From its columns we note that Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hill and children were expected to arrive in Korea on February 15, on the Army Transport General Collins. (They had been with the workers in the Osaka Mission, Japan, for some time, awaiting the opportunity to enter Korea.) A mass meeting of the churches was, "Planned for Lord's Day afternoon, February 27, in the large auditorium of the YMCA (presumably in Seoul. —J.F.C.) to welcome back to Korea after many years Mr. and Mrs. Hill, and to welcome their three lovely children."

This was also a farewell for John T. Chase, who had been in Korea since last October; but who was leaving the next day for America where he will spend some months raising funds "to aid in securing several church buildings."

During the greater part of the year there were no missionaries of the New Testament Church in Korea, though Chaplain Hal Martin, who was stationed at the Kimpo Air Base, near Seoul. "was able to give some help and encouragement to some of the churches during part of the year." However, an evidence of the faith and zeal of the churches is seen in the report of baptisms by churches, as follows: To Nam Chung Church, S. H. Choi, Evangelist, 14 baptisms; Pil Wong Dong Church, R. S. Sung, Evangelist, 30 baptisms; Wi Dong Church, S. K. Sung, Evangelist, 8 baptisms; Kong Dok Church, N. C. Paik, Evangelist, 19 baptisms; Yong San Church, N. K. Ii, Evangelist, 28 baptisms; Ahyun Dong Church, N. Y. Yun, Evangelist, 17 baptisms. Total baptisms 116 during 1948. —J. Frank Cunningham.

Attention! Churches!

Spring and summer are both just around the corner, bringing growth producing powers and opportunities for all. Churches are thinking in terms of growth, making plans for their potential leaders and teachers to attend leadership training schools. Mark your calendars for one of the Laboratory Training Schools to be held at Medford, June 13-17; and at Forest Grove, July 25-29. Miss Ruth Towne, known to many, will supervise these schools, and you will want to take advantage of this opportunity to learn under her guidance. These observation practice experiences are one of the best plans so far devised for helping teachers and leaders to become more effective in their guidance of the religious growth of our boys and girls. It is a MUST for us to be constantly growing as Jesus would have us grow if we accept the responsibility of working with children and youth. Come, learn; Go, Teach. Mrs. R. E. Moshier, State Sup't Children's Work.

WILLAMINA— There were 4 baptisms in March. Will hold pre-Easter services April 10-17. Leo Woodruff, pastor.

Spring Conventions

A series of spring conventions have been planned representing the causes in the state that are responsible to our Oregon brethren as represented at the Turner convention and the "99" convention. Last fall representatives of the College, the Northwestern Home, the Women's Board, the 90 and 9, the Educational Committee and the State Board met in a conference at Eugene to plan how we might work together. As you know, the officers of the Women's Board, the Educational Committee, and the State Board are elected by the voice of the people at the Turner Convention. The Convention nominates trustees for the Northwestern Christian Home and a trustee for the Northwest Christian College, and the "99" elects their board by vioce of the people. This is the reason these groups are represented on our Spring convention programs and other causes are not, because we are responsible to the people who selected us. The churches in each district will receive a copy of the program for their area. We do not have room in the paper for that, but will give dates and places only. The Willamette District will meet at Silverton, May 5, 6; Mt. Hood District at Dufur, May 8; the East Oregon District at Hermiston, May 10, 11; the Northwest District at Forest Grove, May 12, 13; the Southern Oregon District at Central Point, May 16, 17; the Southwest District, including Douglas and Coos counties, at Roseburg, May 18, 19; the Southwest District for Lane County at Springfield, May 20; and the Central Oregon District at Sisters, May 22. Ask your pastor for a copy of the program and plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship and inspiration. —C. H. A.

90 & 9 District Named

Delegations from seven churches furnished 75 men for a fine rally in the Baker church on March 7. The Baker ladies provided an excellent dinner and J. B. McDowell offered thanks at the table. Following the fellowship there the program and business meeting was continued in the church sanctuary. Beryl Thomas led the song service and Don Maxfield gave the invocation.

Vernon DeLong presided over the business meeting in which action was taken to use the name "Inter-Valley" for the district. With churches in Wallowa, Grande Ronde, Baker, Eagle, Pine and Snake River valleys the name seems very well taken. Recommendations were made that each church help the brethren at Nyssa in their building campaign and share in the fund for a new automobile for the Ninety and Nine field work. Ed Beem, area vice-president, reported on the state work and an offering for the work was received. The invitation of La Grande to entertain a district rally on May 9 was accepted.

Beryl Thomas brought a special number preceding the message of the evening by Teddy Leavitt. (An offering of $50.48 was made to Teddy for his work.) Gene Robinson pronounced the benediction.—E. P. D.

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Diary Of The State Secretary — Director

In scanning the daily record for the month it reads as follows: I visited three churches in Coos county on February 27; was with the Coquille church at the morning service and found the church in good condition and getting ready for their evangelistic meeting with Evans in April. I spoke at an afternoon meeting at Myrtle Point. They are remodeling their church building and improving its looks and usefulness in general. I spoke at the North Bend church in the evening and found the church doing well. They are setting up new records in their Bible School attendance. I met with some of the men and set up the program for the Southwest District convention at Roseburg and Eugene. Made a brief call on Kenneth Knox at Roseburg and then spent some time in Eugene holding conferences with several individuals. Met with a committee from Liberty Church at Salem and made final plans concerning our help with the work there. Attended the State Youth Committee and Educational Committee meetings, sat in on a Crusade conference and met with the Oregon Temperance League Committee, and the annual meeting of the Heifers for Relief Committee. I assisted the church at Ontario in a Visitation Evangelism campaign and short preaching mission. To date I have preached six sermons at Ontario and one radio message, and spoke at the City Protestant Youth Fellowship Rally. There have been 6 confessions and 3 otherwise added. The church in Ontario is growing rapidly. I was out of the state nine days attending a meeting in St. Louis for the directors of young people conferences. There were 80 present and the conference was very helpful. I performed 1 wedding, held 17 office conferences and travelled 5,898 miles. Our office sent out 150 letters for the month.—C. H. Addleman, Secretary-Director.

Evangelists Available

A very unusual thing has happened to both of our state evangelists. Owing to the resignation of two pastors, two meetings have been cancelled. Gene and Verna Chamberlain will have an open date April 24 to May 29; and B. Ross Evans will have open date May 8-22. If any church, large or small, can use these teams write to them personally, or to the state office. Chamberlain's address is Route 1 Box 307, Troutdale; and Evans' address is Route 3, Box 96, Hood River.—C. H. A.

Financial

Receipts for March

CHURCHES: Albany, $125; Falls City, $7.62; Heppner, $18.41; Hood River, $33.33; Kern Park, $14.59. Klamath Falls, $12.50; Multnomah, $25; Pendleton, $136.78; Stayton, $24; Tillamook, $16.20; Yamhill, $10. Total, $423.43.

SCHOOLS: Monmouth, $21.81; Redmond, $6.98; Total, $28.79.

WOMEN: Mallory Avenue (Portland), $76.77.

INDIVIDUALS: T. G. Richardson, $12; B. Ross Evans, $5; C. F. Swander, $9; W. A. Ewing, $10. Total, $36.

DESIGNATED: Albany, $50; Central Albany Assembly, $30. Total, $80.

Churches, Guard Your Liberty In Christ

The historic position of the people of the Restoration Cause has been the autonomy of the local church. That is, we have believed in the congregational rule in the church. There is a dangerous drift among us away from this congregational liberty. I am not referring to state and national organizations among us. The danger, and the liberty churches are losing, is at the point of the pastor and a little group he gathers around him. In some instances this has become nothing more than a little dictatorship where this little group rules with a rod of iron. This is often carried so far that people of the congregation have no voice in the selection of their officers, or where their money shall go. If we are congregational in our form of government, as we claim, let us cease this trend toward clique rule under the domineering rule of a pastor. Let us guard our liberty as free churches in Christ and permit the other fellow to enjoy the same liberty in Christ we demand for ourselves.—C. H. A.

Religious Education Practicum

The Religious Education Practicum at Northwest Christian College, which has been announced in previous publications, is scheduled for the first two weeks of May, Monday through Friday. The morning sessions will be given over to kindergarten work. The afternoon sessions will provide lectures and practice teaching for Primary and Junior church school leaders. College credit for two or three hours will be given to students completing work of the course.

Instructors in the Practicum—practical application of religious education methods—will be Miss Ruth Reynolds, (Mrs.) Thelma Siefke, (Mrs.) Linette Rhay, with Miss Reynolds acting as Supervisor of the whole project. Any interested in taking this course should contact the Registrar, Northwest Christian College. —Ross J. Griffith.

Vernonia

The church attendance averaged 90 during February and March. The churches of the city will join in presenting the oratorio, "Olivet to Calvary" on the evening of Palm Sunday with the pastor of our church directing it. There will be special emphases each night of the pre-Easter week culminating in special services on Easter Sunday. There were 2 added by statement in February. G. Wm. Anderson, pastor.

Crusade Facts

By Kenneth Johnston

At the close of the war in 1945 church leaders of many communions faced a shattered and devastated world. They began making plans for its spiritual reconstruction. Our own brotherhood was one of the communions making plans for a Church program that would be commensurate with our resources and the needs before us. This planning developed into what is now known as A Crusade For A Christian World. Its objectives are far reaching and include both the home and foreign fields. The Crusade ends June 30, 1950. All goals are based on church records as reported in the 1946 Year Book.

Accepting Goals

Churches accepting goals should notify state Crusade chairman, Kenneth Johnston, Dallas, Oregon. If a church needs Crusade information write to your Crusade chairman, or to A Crusade for a Christian World, Box 5636, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Whom Does the Crusade Benefit?

The Crusade benefits the total kingdom work—

900,000 to be won for Christ;

300,000 added to our Bible Schools;

500,000 reached with Christian teaching;

3,000 young people trained for full time Christian service;

100,000 leaders in training for work in the local church;

Mission hospitals and schools to be rebuilt in war-torn countries;

Mission fields expanded;

Bible Colleges to be strengthened; (Northwest Christian College will receive $300,000 for new buildings);

Student houses and workers on our college campuses for Christian students (Corvallis and Eugene to receive $30,000 for this work);

New churches to be built; and

State Societies to receive help for state missions.

$14,000,000

The above program will cost $14,000,000. The funds to be distributed to the following causes:

Support of 26 Bible Colleges;

State mission work to receive help in 39 states or areas;

Board of Church Extension for building new churches;

National Christian Missionary Convention;

Christian Unity;

Pension Fund.

Board of Higher Education of Disciples of Christ;

United Christian Missionary Society;

National Benevolent Association;

European Evangelistic Society; and

Church World Service.

Can A Church Designate Money?

Yes, you can send your money to the general office, A Crusade for A Christian World, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, or you may **send it direct** to any cause participating in the Crusade. Be sure to mark it **CRUSADE**.

Act Now

The time is short, accept your goals now. If you have accepted them be sure to lose no time in meeting them. If you wish a Crusade speaker notify your state chairman.

Your Church Has Its Goal

Goals have been mailed to each church. If yours need modifying, O.K. but let each church share in the spirit of this major effort for Christ.

The Crusade is Succeeding

The reports show churches responding by the thousands. The Crusade is going over the top in Evangelism, Stewardship, Christian Leadership, and Finance. Is your church in the Crusade?

Men's Institute At Dallas

At least 150 men attended one or more of the sessions of the Men's Institute held at Dallas on March 11-13. Some 35 or more churches were represented and over 100 men were present at each of the two banquet and evening services. Following the general theme, "Arise . . . and Walk," study groups were led on the subjects of evangelism, walking with God and stewardship. Willie White, Lawrence Bixler, Wm. Siefke, Dudley Strain, Ward Rice, and Arthur Bates were capable leaders in these studies.

Mark Rutherford, national men's worker, was the guest speaker for the Institute and brought vigorous challenge for a vital personal witness for Christ by everyone of His disciples. Clifford Snyder, pastor of the Astoria Church, was song leader. Other local pastors, local, district and state Ninety and Nine officers, and members of the Dallas church, contributed in many ways to the success of the meeting. Special thanks are due the Dallas ladies for the two fine dinners and the Saturday luncheon which they served.

Offerings taken amounted to nearly $100 and were turned over to the state treasury of the Ninety and Nine. The state executive committee in its regular bi-monthly business meeting on March 13 voted to forward the offering to the building fund of the Nyssa Church. A plan for a week of simultaneous, statewide visitation evangelism by men was approved for next fall as was the sponsorship for a series of special rallies with Mark Rutherford May 29—June 9. These rallies will be held in as many places over the state as time will permit. Details of the itinerary will be available in the May issue of this paper.—Ed P. Dewees.

Baptisms In Shang Haipa

"I think the folks at home will be interested to know how encouraging the work has been here lately. I think I told you there were 8 baptisms in January. Now we have about 19 very likely prospects. Mrs. Morse's class for prospects is growing. Last week at our street meeting here in Me Le Szu we had a good crowd of mostly adults, who gave very good attention and afterward some of the men were asking questions and expressing a real interest. The following night four of them attended the midweek service in Shang Haipa and at the close of the service without hesitation indicated their desire to become Christians . . . . I asked our evangelist how many Christians we have in the little church here now, and he said, "More than thirty." We really do need a building for a chapel as the two rooms we are using in the Morse home are not adequate for the crowds that come, or very suitable." —J. F. C.

Multnomah

The church grieves over the resignation of their pastor, Harry Baird, who has accepted a call to the church at Walla Walla, Washington He has been in Multnomah for two years and has done a good service. We regret to lose him from Oregon, but congratulate Washington.

Letters From China

A letter from the China Mission dated March 1 contains up-to-date information concerning conditions in China at the present time. Mr. Goulter has this to say: "Sunday, January 23, we witnessed every public and private institution of any sort, except the Christian Church and the Christian Rural Service Union, leave the city. Nearly 80 percent of the city's population must have fled. But very few Christian families left. There was no looting except of the homes from which the people had fled leaving them unprotected. The new China Army of Liberation, as the Communist army is called, came in with little fanfare. Orders were issued immediately to the effect that everything was to proceed as usual. The soldiers are all very friendly country boys. They say they are glad to have the foreigners in their midst and that when Nanking falls, the same generous treatment will be accorded mission institutions and their personnel. The first Sunday after the turnover I baptized 20 people with scores of communist soldiers looking on.

"For the first time since the war we have complete and undisturbed control of all our missionary property. Repairs of the old hospital are under way. We are paying the workers with rice purchased cheaply from people who have fled. Our opportunities to serve up to the present have been beyond our utmost hopes.

"I must admit I am no more prepared to say what the outcome of the present situation will be, but of one thing I am certain—there is great need. If the Christian Church knows the way to help in this crisis let us give help that is truly Christian—medicine, food, clothing, education and preaching."

According to George Cherryhomes: "Yesterday, February 8, there were more than 500 who filed through my house, upstairs and downstairs, gazing for the first time upon things common in every American home. Two large groups stood in files in the yard for more than 30 miuntes listening to music records, guitar music and even a short sermon which I preached to them from the doorstep. These had come as a result of the reception I gave to the soldiers the day before. After they had seen through the house, they asked to see the church, so I took them over and asked them to be seated, then preached to them for 20 minutes. I told them about the local church, of the Christian doctrine of service and how that doctrine was being practiced in the improvement of rural life through the church; how the church shares the best hopes one may have for the liberation of all people from crippling oppression; how it goes even farther—beyond you and me, and offers to the oppressor an opportunity to become a servant, the bad men to become good; that one can't hope to kill all the bad people in the world and in his own human power man is unable to make men good, etc."

Quoting from Mrs. Goulter: "I wonder how long I can take it (Written February 5). From early morning to ten at night one of us has to be on duty trying to show hospitality, yet keeping eyes on swarms of soldiers who roam into our bedrooms, bathroom and kitchen. They pile over the walls and bang at the gates. We have a sign at the foot of the stairway asking them to remain downstairs but not one in a hundred can read. The house reeks of tobacco smoke and garlic; Cigarette ashes are all over the floors. They are fascinated with anything mechanical, never having seen a clock before. We had to hide our typewriters; they thought they were to play on like a piano and which two are banging most of the time. They borrow everything from my curtains to the phonograph. Of course, they don't mean to be rude; they are just ignorant, curious country boys and want to see everything. I feel like a monkey in a cage and wish there were another woman here to help out in this monkey business.

"One day I was resting, Oscar said the visitors would not leave until they had seen the white woman, and wondered if I could not go down and sing for them. I found about 150 of them massed at the front door, so I went out in the bitter cold and sang for them a Chinese lullaby. You could have heard a pin drop.

"We have done more preaching in the past two weeks than we've done in any two previous years. One of our boys ventured to bet that within two months time there would be Christian converts among these soldiers. They seem to be greatly impressed with the good works that we are doing—helping the poor, educating the children, improving seed, etc., and are very enthusiastic about it."

How our hearts should be touched and our zeal rekindled by the news that is coming from our missionaries! Let us be constantly in fervent prayer that their efforts may be blessed. —Edna L. Burke.

Willamette Area Rallies

The Ninety and Nine men of the North Willamette District met at Dallas on February 28 with 154 present (including visitors from So. Willamette, Yamhill, Coast, and Northwest districts). Harold Stapleton, local president served as "emcee" with Ike Bartel giving a "Texas style" word of welcome. Grant Cole was guest song leader with Rodney Toevs at the piano and Will Caldwell at the organ. Errett Woods led the devotional period during which Sol Ediger sang the "Ninety and Nine." A brief business meeting was held followed by a duet by Leighton Dashiell and Dale Sherwood. Lynton Elwell, Lebanon pastor, brought the message.

The South Wilamette District rally was held at Scio on March 28 with 116 men present. The ladies of the church served a bountiful dinner in the Odd Fellows Hall, following which the program was held in the church. Glen Johnson led singing accompanied by Emajean Miller. Scio gave a word of welcome and Ken Shogren, vice-president, conducted the business meeting. Trio numbers were sung by Scio and Lebanon groups and a solo was sung by Howard Carpenter of Albany. Lebanon presented the challenge of visitation evangelism. Guest speaker was Howard Cole, St. Johns minister (AWOL from his home district rally at Parkrose). E. W. Blehm gave the invitation and Donald Payne pronounced the benediction. Albany will entertain the next meeting. —E. P. D.

Good Friday Service

M. Owen Kellison, Los Angeles, is to be the speaker at the Good Friday services at the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, on April 15 at 1:30 P. M.

Osaka Mission Progresses

The work in Osaka, Japan, established and directed for many years by Brother and Sister M. B. Madden, is thriving at the present time. Although Brother Madden has retired from service in Japan, he has not retired from active interest in the Osaka work, and is busily promoting it among the churches of America. Brother Harold Cole, living link of the Willamina, Oregon, church, and Sister Leone Cole, living link of the Athena, Oregon, church are leading in the work on the field. They are being ably assisted by Brother and Sister Paul Neilson, who joined them in May, 1948, and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Beckman, who arrived in Osaka just four and a half hours before the end of 1948. Recruits planning to join the Osaka workers in the next year or two are: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Clark (former Oregonians; now at Butler University); Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mings; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Clark; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis.

The Asahi church dedicated a new building January 16. It has a nice baptistry, and four rooms in addition to the auditorium. These rooms will not only serve as Bible School rooms, but as class rooms for the Osaka Bible Seminary. The cost of the building, including 100 folding chairs, was less than $3,500; though it is estimated that such a building in America would cost around $15,000.

Almost 70 baptisms were reported for 1948 (and the first few days of 1949), as follows: 25 in First Church, 7 in Asahi Church, 25 as the result of a Bible School conducted in his home by a Japanese convert; and 5 in the Minoo Church, with 5 and possibly more to have been baptized there last January 9. —J. F. C.

Local Men Busy

The men of the Medford First Christian Church met for a banquet and program on March 1. The ladies of the church served a delicious dinner and M. E. Olson, as master of ceremonies, kept the program up to time. Holly Roy Jarvis, pastor stated the purpose of the meeting—organization of a Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood in the church. Ed Dewees gave an outline of the state work, following which Verne Bailey presented the recommendations of an organizational committee regarding adoption of a constitution and by-laws. Acceptance was voted and the committee was asked to continue as a nominating body for officers of the brotherhood. The church male quartet sang two numbers preceding an address by Wm. Piper, Grants Pass minister. Sixty-six men were present.

Forty men and boys of the Roseburg Church enjoyed pictures of Yellowstone Park in a meeting of February 28. A weiner feed and program was enjoyed in the March meeting.

Donald Payne, Corvallis minster, was guest speaker for the Eugene First Ninety and Nine Brotherhood on March 21. —E. P. D.

Bend

A nine day preaching mission closed March 27 with Roger Carstensen, Sisters, as the speaker. There were 4 baptisms and 2 transfers of membership. The "All Boy" concert given on March 9 netted $150 which was given to the church and will be used in the interest of boys programs. Len B. Fishback, pastor.

Special Lectures

Dr. A. J. Saunders, for thirty years a teacher of Economics in the university of Madras, India, a native of Australia and a citizen of the Commonwealth, was special lecturer at Northwest Christian College on March 28-30. Dr. Saunders was accompanied by his wife and his daughter Linda.

Dr. Saunders spoke on "Art and Architecture of India," "Student Life in India," "New India Faces the Future." He also spoke at First Christian Church, Eugene, and to the Eugene Lion's Club.

Dr. Saunders was at one time a student in T. C. U. and has been associated with many notable leaders of our brotherhood. Northwest Christian College Students and Faculty profited greatly by Dr. Sanuders' lectures. —R. J. G.

Yamhill Rally At Carlton

The March 21 rally of the Yamhill Ninety and Nine was held at Carlton with 96 present. Visitors included Abe Friesen, president of the North Willamette District, and Dale Sherwood and Errett Woods, of Dallas. A fine ham dinner was provided by the Carlton ladies. Vic Emmons presided over the business meeting in which some good reports were made from each church. Lee Doty, Tillamook layman, brought a message on "Everyday Christianity," following a duet by two Tillamook ladies, Leo Woodruff pronounced the benediction. The next rally will be held at Dayton on May 16. —E. P. D.

A New Project

"The five downtown churches (Portland) have adopted an unusual project! They will cooperate in bringing five university students to the Northwest and sponsor them by providing material and school support. The administrators of various colleges have offered scholarships and the churches, working through the World Student Service Fund, will be responsible for their transportation from New York." —The First Christian.

Arthur Roy Carpenter

Brother Carpenter died on March 1. He was a lifelong member of the church at Pendleton and had been a deacon for 15 years. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; a daughter, Mrs. Audra Draper; and a grandson, Dean Draper. Mrs. Carpenter cooked for youth camp in eastern Oregon for several years. The sympathy of many people go out to the family.

Myrtle Point Entertains

The monthly meeting of the Southwest District Ninety and Nine Men was held at Myrtle Point on March 21 with the ladies invited as guests. Total attendance was 51. Phil Ryan led singing and L. O. Carstensen gave the prayer. A short business meeting was conducted by Jack Triplett, president, and a talk on the Ninety and Nine work was given by Ed Dewees. C. C. Curtis, visiting minister from Spokane, gave the benediction. —E. P. D.

MALLORY AVENUE— Eleven confessions, 6 otherwise from February 20 to March 27. M. Owen Kellison will lead in Visitation Evangelism April 3, and six days of Rainbow Revival preaching services April 10. Hubert E. Sias, pastor.

Northwest Christian Home Changes Management

Miss Mary E. Phillips, Sup't.

Laura K. Hill, our superintendent for ten years, has been on the receiving end of many expressions of good wishes as well as several social functions given in her honor prior to her departure Saturday morning for Columbia, Missouri, where she will direct the opening of the Lenoir Memorial Home, and remain as its superintendent. On Monday evening the Home Family held a surprise party for her and presented a morocco bound New Analytical Bible as their farewell gift. A program consisting of group singing, readings by Miss Myler and Mrs. Ray Smith, and piano and violin numbers by Mrs. Pierson and Mr. Staffensen preceded the presentation. The kitchen staff served refreshments consisting of sherbet, cake and coffee. Members of the Board of Supervisors were guests of Mrs. Mary Parker at her home on Thursday evening, honoring Mrs. Hill. Following a social hour and refreshments Mr. Averill made a brief talk and a travelling case was presented to Mrs. Hill.

Two Deaths

Since last report in this column two of our number have passed away—Frank Hardesty, of Central Church, Portland, and Miss Minnie Darneille, of The Dalles. Taking their places in the family group are Wm. H. Staffensen, of Bozeman, Montana, born August 29, 1869; and Mrs. Mattie B. Pierson, born June 6, 1873, a member of the church at Overton, Nebraska, but living in Oregon for some time.

Bedfast

Mrs. Newbill and Mrs. Drollinger are still bedfast and being cared for under the direction of our nurse, Mrs. Frances Smith. Mrs. Smith has been granted a leave of absence for 3 months, during which time she will undergo a major operation and visit members of her family while convalescing. We wish her a speedy and satisfactory recovery. During her abscence Miss Rachel Dodge will serve as Home nurse. Two adjustable hospital bed tables have been purchased for the use of our sick folks.

Fruit Jars

With spring and summer just around the corner (we hope), it is about time to repeat our offer regarding glass fruit jars. Since the use of tin cans and home deep freeze units are becoming more popular in the preserving of fruits and vegetables we find our supply of fruit jars increasing, and our storage space decreasing. Any church groups or individuals desiring these jars can "come and get them" or they will be shipped to any one wishing to use them in summer canning for the Home. Just write, or call, the Superintendent.

Eric Carlson Visits

J. Eric Carlson has been a guest at the Home several times in recent months and has brought the message at the Sunday morning chapel services. Ray Smith has travelled over 10,000 miles in the past two months during which he supplied the pulpit at Great Falls, Montana, visited many churches in the area, attended the Spring conference of NBA workers in St. Louis, and participated in district conferences at Aberdeen, Washington, and Twin Falls, Idaho.

The Family Filmed

Courtney Swander attended the chapel service at the Home last Sunday (March 27) and "shot" about 60 feet of colored film at the Family group, the staff, and a portion of the new rockery. This, and others to be taken later, will be built into the present film. —Ray C. Smith, Field Representative.

Conference Deans

Prof. Wm. Siefke recently flew to Indianapolis and back. His journey was for the purpose of completing his preparation to serve as dean in young People's Summer Conferences. Prof. Ronald Osborn is another Northwest Christian College faculty member accredited to serve as dean in conferences conducted by the United Christian Mission Society in connection with various state programs. —R.J.G.

Spring Enrollment

Spring enrollment at Northwest Christian College, when nearly complete, indicated that the total enrollment for the college this year will be about the same as it has been during the previous three years. While the total is almost constant, there has been a considerable increase in the number of men taking work at N. C. C. —R. J. G.

Advice To Churches

One of our churches recently called a preacher who was practically a stranger to them, and without any investigation. As a result the ministry was finally terminated only after much grief in the hearts of many and a possible defection from the church on the part of a few. There is a way to avoid this. A church should not call any man whom they do not know quite well by reputation, or by his record in a sister church. A thorough investigation should be made. Elders frequently pass this by because they do not know where to look for a man's record The answer is easy. Get in touch with your state secretary. He is not an overlord, trying to dictate whom you shall call; but he is interested in seeing that you have a good man. If he cannot give a recommendation from personal knowledge he has avenues of getting the information. During our 40 years of secretaryship we have followed the channels of information for literally hundreds of men. This has usually either saved a church from a man who should be avoided, or has given confirmation to the hopes and desires of a church or a minister. On the other hand we have seen frequently some terrible blunders just because a church did not think to contact the state secretary, or because they believed the bogie-man would get them if they trusted him. Your present secretary is a man of high ideals and Christian strategy. You can trust Chas. H. Addleman for he has naught but good in his heart for the churches.

—C. F. S

Fellowship Lectures

The men of Northwest Christian College are planning their annual Fellowship Lectures for April 25-27. The matter of primary consideration will be The Rural Church. An authority in this field of service is being called in to give the lectures. The N. C. C. men will welcome any visiting preachers who may wish to share the blessing of these lectures. —R. J. G.

Gift Of Land

Northwest Christian College recently received a deed to a quarter section of land in Kootenai County, Idaho. This property is a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Jennings of Dayton, Washington. This property is timber land and has a modest value but will be of great value to Northwest Christian College when sold and the proceeds made available for the support of the college. We commend the action of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings as an example worthy of emulation by many. —R.J.G.

Milton

The meeting held by Gene and Verna Chamberlain resulted in 13 baptisms four by statement and one reconsecration. There was one life work recruit. On March 13 the elders and deacons were ordained with Paul Moore, Athena, and Gene Chamberlain assisting the pastor, Russell Myers. Elders A. G. Wrinkle and M. H. Rice also assisted. The Home Builders Class is sponsoring a Helping Hand Storeroom where food and clothing, donated by members, is distributed to the needy. During the past year more than 1,000 pieces of clothing have been distributed. Congo Circle gave a luncheon on March 3. The proceeds, $50, are to be used in supporting a native evangelist in the Congo. The church has a fine group of young people who are planning a forward program. Mrs. H. L. Warner, correspondent.

Portland First

Mrs. Ruth Book, who has served as secretary to the minister, has closed ministry and gone east. Amelia Gibbs, who has been with the Department of the Interior at Boise, Idaho, has been called to be assistant to the minister. She will begin June 1. Seven have been added by transfer recently, and one by confession. There were 5 by transfer and 1 confession in February. There have been a total of 419 additions, of which 111 were confessions, since the beginning of Myron Cole's ministry in September, 1946. —Ruth Book, correspondent.

Rarkrose

Elery Parrish, pastor since the organization of the church, has resigned effective May 1. He will be sent to the Liberty church (south Salem) for a time, supported by the State Board and Ninety and Nine. The church at Parkrose has called Vernon Kullowatz who will begin his ministry there on July 1. A. F. Van Slyke will supply the pulpit meanwhile.

Pendleton

The church recently purchased 12 new dining tables and 100 steel folding chairs at a cost of $817.47. Sunday School attendance for March 13 was 213. Additions for 1948 were 27 baptisms and 18 transfers of membership. Total receipts for '48 were $14,918.89. Resident membership on January 1 was 473. O. D. Harris, pastor.

Medford

8 added by statement. Observed Week of Compassion with special Fellowship dinner on February 23 when sound film, "Seeds of Destiny," and "Not By Bread Alone" were shown. Observed Youth Week with banquet with all southern Oregon churches. About 75 in attendance. Holly Roy Jarvis, pastor.

Milwaukie

The men work on the building every Tuesday night. During March the auditorium has been ceiled. Work progresses slowly but steadily. On February 23 George Knox, one of the home boys, gave the morning sermon and three young people from the same family made the confession. The church is losing two of its best workers in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Robinett who are leaving for Kentucky. C. F. Swander, pastor ad in terim.

McMinnville

The church gave a farewell appreciation party to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pratt, who are to make their home in California, on Thursday evening, March 24. It was a very happy occasion. (The editor has had long acquaintance with Brother and Sister Pratt. They are finest of the wheat.—C.F.S.) Arnold Ledbetter, correspondent.

Corbett

March 8 the church observed two anniversaries—the 36th of the church and the 4th of their minister, Walter A. Barnes. There were cakes and candles for each. W. E. Lewis, a former minister, brought the message. Mrs. Arnon B. Olson, chairman of the deaconesses, had charge of the program.

Gladstone

One added by baptism and one by transfer on March 10. Hattie Mitchell brought a splendid message. Have been appointed chaplain of the 406th Bomt. group, Portland on active reserve.—Wilbur Rolla Hensley, pastor.

Roseburg

Four confessions and 7 transfers were the number of responses during the first two services of the evangelistic meeting by Wm. Siefke. Ray Kleinfeldt, pastor at Sutherlin, has accepted a call to become assistant pastor. He is well qualified for the task. Kenneth Knox, pastor.

Newberg

The congregation dedicated a new organ on March 20. Had 315 in Bible School, and 2 added at morning service. The audience overflowed into the basement. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

Hood River Valley

Six baptisms on February 27. Feel sure there will be more. H. Lawrence Porter, pastor.

Fred Bates Died

Just as we go to press we have the word that Fred Bates, of the Salem First Church died suddenly on April 4. He was a long time elder in the church and was known for his integrity and faithfulness. The last services were conducted by the pastor, Dudley Strain.

WOODBURN— 2 baptisms on March 13; 10 added since January 1. D. D. Priest, pastor.

STAYTON— 2 baptisms in February. Clyde Freeman, pastor.

MOLALLA— Seven baptisms and 5 otherwise in a week's meeting by Howard Hutchins. Dick Owen, pastor.